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Comment of the day

NOT EVEN IN THE RACE

EXACTLY a year ago the Government, in the Defence White Paper of 1960, indicated the end of Blue Streak as Britain's nuclear missile.

Today this rocket, upon which £60 million had been lavished, is still in mothballs, neither a weapon of war nor an instrument of peace. It is suspended, so to speak, between heaven and hell. A year ago the Government thought Blue Streak might make a launcher for a space satellite. It still thinks so, but while it is thinking others are doing. Russia, first round the moon, is now first on the way to Venus. The U.S. has developed communication satellites and sent an ape successfully into space and back.

THE Americans fear they are three years behind the Russians. But no one can say the British are lagging in the race. For Britain has not even started. Nor does she show any sign of doing so.

It is true that the Minister of Aviation, Mr. Thorneycroft, has been drumming round the Commonwealth and Europe like a vacuum-cleaner salesman, trying to sell the idea of a space club—based, of course, upon Blue Streak. But it is still only an idea. Having finished his rounds, Mr. Thorneycroft launched his sales talk to a meeting of 12 European nations at Strasbourg earlier this month, and came home full of enthusiasm.

Since then, however, Western Germany appears to have backed out and Norway is reported to have done the same. If Europe will not play Britain should go ahead in company with the Commonwealth.

AUSTRALIA is a logical partner because of its Woormera range. If other British countries want to be associated, Mr. Thorneycroft says this could "be arranged." So much for the Commonwealth.

While the Government dithers Britain's chances in the Space Age are receding at rocket speed. Experts say that in 18 months Britain will have lost its traditional supremacy in world-wide communications.

Soon the U.S. will be able to organise global radio and television services by means of space satellites. Britain cannot be first in the race now, but it may not be too late to try for a place. At least coming third sounds better than "scratched"—couldn't care less.

ON TRIAL

ARCHBISHOP Makarios puts the Commonwealth on trial. His ex-Eoka Government decides that Cyprus will join it for five years. During this period Britain will be expected to subsidise and defend the Cypriots. They will enjoy all the trading benefits of Imperial Preference.

It is a safe bet that at the end of five years Makarios and company will sign on again. It is equally certain that the British Government will welcome them.

How splendid it would be if, just for once, the Government were to voice the real feelings of the British people. And tell Makarios they are not prepared to accept him on such terms.

J.J. Cowperthwaite to succeed A.G. Clarke NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Occupied many posts in Colony

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the appointment of Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite, Administrative Officer, Staff Grade A, as Financial Secretary, to succeed Mr A. G. Clarke, who is leaving the Colony on retirement about April 14.

The new



Mr Cowperthwaite

Red threat to Kuching radio

Singapore, Feb. 22. The Straits Times said today that the outlawed Communist Party in Sarawak, since North Borneo, had threatened to kill the staff of Sarawak radio if it continued its anti-party broadcasts.

It said a letter, received from the party by the radio staff in Kuching, capital of Sarawak, read in part: "I am warning you not to attack us. If you keep on doing so, your lives will be in danger."

The letter, signed Sarawak Peoples' Communist Party, said the staff would be safe if the radio stopped saying there were "subversive elements in Sarawak." It also expressed hope the radio staff would "come over to our side."

Reuter.

WATER TO REMAIN ON TAP

The present round-the-clock supply of water which has been available since Chinese New Year's eve, is to be extended for a few more days, the Water Authority announced today.

"This extension has been made possible by the improved winter storage which has been brought about by the rains of the last few days, the additional supply of the Shum-chun reservoir and the Indus River, as well as the careful husbanding of water resources during the autumn months," a spokesman said.

He said it was about 10 years since the Colony has been on a 24-hour supply. Due to the improved storage, it has now been decided not only to pass on the benefits to the consumer, but also to find out what the daily consumption is on an unrestricted supply during the winter months.

At 8 am on Monday the reservoirs held 4,168 million gallons of water and the consumption that day amounted to 71.5 million gallons.

The old



Mr Clarke

Crack train derailed in America

Buffalo, Feb. 21. The Northern Pacific Railroad's crack passenger train the "Minutestreet" was derailed near here late today, injuring about 40 persons.

No fatalities were reported and observers said none of the injured appeared to be critically hurt.

The train was bound for the west coast from Chicago. It was going between 60 and 65 miles an hour. The first four cars of the 13-car train successfully passed a switch about one mile west of here, but the last nine cars went off the tracks.

Seven hurtled through thick mud, and three derailed to a stop on their sides.

Observers at the scene said it appeared a broken rail caused the accident. Railway officials would make no statement pending an investigation.—AP.

New blow to Gaitskell's defence policy

London, Feb. 21. Mr Hugh Gaitskell's defence policy of loyalty to Nato based on an American deterrent, was dealt a new blow today by the leaders of one of Britain's biggest unions.

The Executive Council of the union—the Amalgamated

Engineers—turned down a proposal that it should ballot all its members on the defence issue.

It was this union which at Labour's annual conference last autumn caused the defeat of the Gaitskell policy by leading the vote for a ban-the-bomb resolution which

was carried by a small majority.

The union voted "unilateralist" against the advice of its president, Mr William Carron, and other rightwing Executive Council members. Mr Carron at the Labour conference refused to move the unilateralist resolution.—Reuter.

RHODESIANS REJECT MACLEOD'S PLAN

Salisbury, Feb. 21.

Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Central African Federation, said tonight his Cabinet has rejected the British Government's constitutional proposals for Northern Rhodesia.

Britain stands by plan

London, Feb. 21. The Colonial Secretary, Mr Iain Macleod, served notice today Britain stands by her plan to lead Northern Rhodesia towards non-racial self-rule.

His statement in the House of Commons was greeted immediately by an opposition Labour Party warning that there are "dangers of a great explosion" in the colonial territory south of the Congo.

Mr James Callaghan, spokesman on colonial affairs for Labour, added somberly:

"There is serious reason for believing that when some of the radical leaders return to Northern Rhodesia they will be put in jail."

HUSHED HOUSE

The packed Commons was hushed when Mr Macleod scornfully rejected suggestions that the British Government, in formulating its policy for Northern Rhodesia, had bowed to threats, demands and pressure from Sir Roy Welensky, Federation Premier.

"We have put forward our own point without regard to pressure from any quarter," he said. "This is, we believe, the right plan for Northern Rhodesia and if people will accept the challenge of the plan which is to produce an appeal that cuts across racial boundaries, I believe we can have the right answer."

In an evident reference to widespread reports that Prime Minister Macmillan had vetoed his own liberal approach to the problem, Mr Macleod said:

"I never have and never would put a plan before the House for any colonial territory which is not my own."

SIDESTEPED

"This plan is what I think is right for Northern Rhodesia. In working out that plan I have had very great assistance from the Prime Minister."

The Colonial Secretary then brushed aside Labour suggestions that political fire-ups may be imminent in the protectorate.

"The reports I have had daily...on the whole are reassuring."

Mr Macleod sidestepped a point-blank demand by Mr Callaghan to say if the proposed new parliament will give the Africans a majority.

"...You should neither enshrine nor deny a European or African majority. It should be open for people to put up candidates to attract the middle voice."—AP.

Sir Roy also recalled the Federal Parliament for a meeting on Friday and said that all colonial territorial troops were being called up.

The announcement came after a heated two-hour Cabinet meeting in Salisbury which Sir Roy called first before British Colonial Secretary Iain Macleod announced the new proposals for Northern Rhodesia in the House of Commons in London.

Despondency

The Premier of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Edgar Whitehead, sat in on the Federal Cabinet meeting, which was held in Sir Roy's private office.

The general reaction from local white politicians over the London proposals, which will increase the number of African voters about 10 times to around 70,000 was one of extreme despondency.

The public generally, however, was confused and awaited Sir Roy's statement.

Tuesday night's call up of Federal territorial troops meant that both battalions of white territorial troops were called out in Southern Rhodesia in addition to two battalions in Northern Rhodesia last week.

Northern Rhodesia's police are also mobilised.

On Monday night Sir Roy said in a speech in Salisbury that Rhodesian troops would be able to deal with any "insurrection" without calling on British troops.

Entirely agree

Later Sir Edgar Whitehead said he supported Sir Roy's stand on the London proposals.

"We entirely agree with the Federal Prime Minister's assessment of the situation that should the White Paper issued today be translated into a new constitution without drastic amendment, the whole Federal structure will be undermined," he said.

Sir Edgar went on: "There is an obvious danger that these hurried proposals, which appear to satisfy nobody except a small minority party in Northern Rhodesia, may lead to disturbances which will damage the whole Federation."

"We are, therefore, giving our full support to the Federal Government in the precautionary measures they are taking to safeguard law and order," the Southern Rhodesian Premier declared.

"Our two governments are working in the closest union," he added.

Government by mates

Washington, Feb. 21. The Republican National Committee came up today with a new description of the Kennedy administration—"Government-by-college-roommate."

Republican national chairman Thruston Morton, said in a "fact memo" to party leaders: "Under Truman we suffered and eventually defeated 'Government-by-college-roommate' (close friends). We can do the same with 'Government-by-college-roommate'."

This was a reference to President Kennedy's appointment of many Harvard College friends to government posts.—AP.

Double-headed rocket roars into space

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 22.

A doubleheader space rocket roared aloft on Tuesday night in an effort to ram a pair of U.S. satellites into orbit around the earth.

The principal passenger on the rocket was the navy's 250-pound Transit III-B navigation satellite. Riding as a "hitchhiker" was a 34-pound sphere—nicknamed "Lofti"—to study the passage through the ionosphere of low frequency and lightning-created radio signals.

The two-stage Thor-Ablestar rocket blazed skyward with the two satellites cradled in its nose. Both were aimed at circular orbits about 375 miles above the earth.

Failure

The U.S. Air Force said today it will make no attempt to recover the space capsule of the satellite Discoverer XX, because of an equipment malfunction. It was launched last Friday and original plans called for a recovery try after a record four days in orbit.

The nature of the malfunction was not disclosed.

The longest wait before recovery on a previous shot was three days.

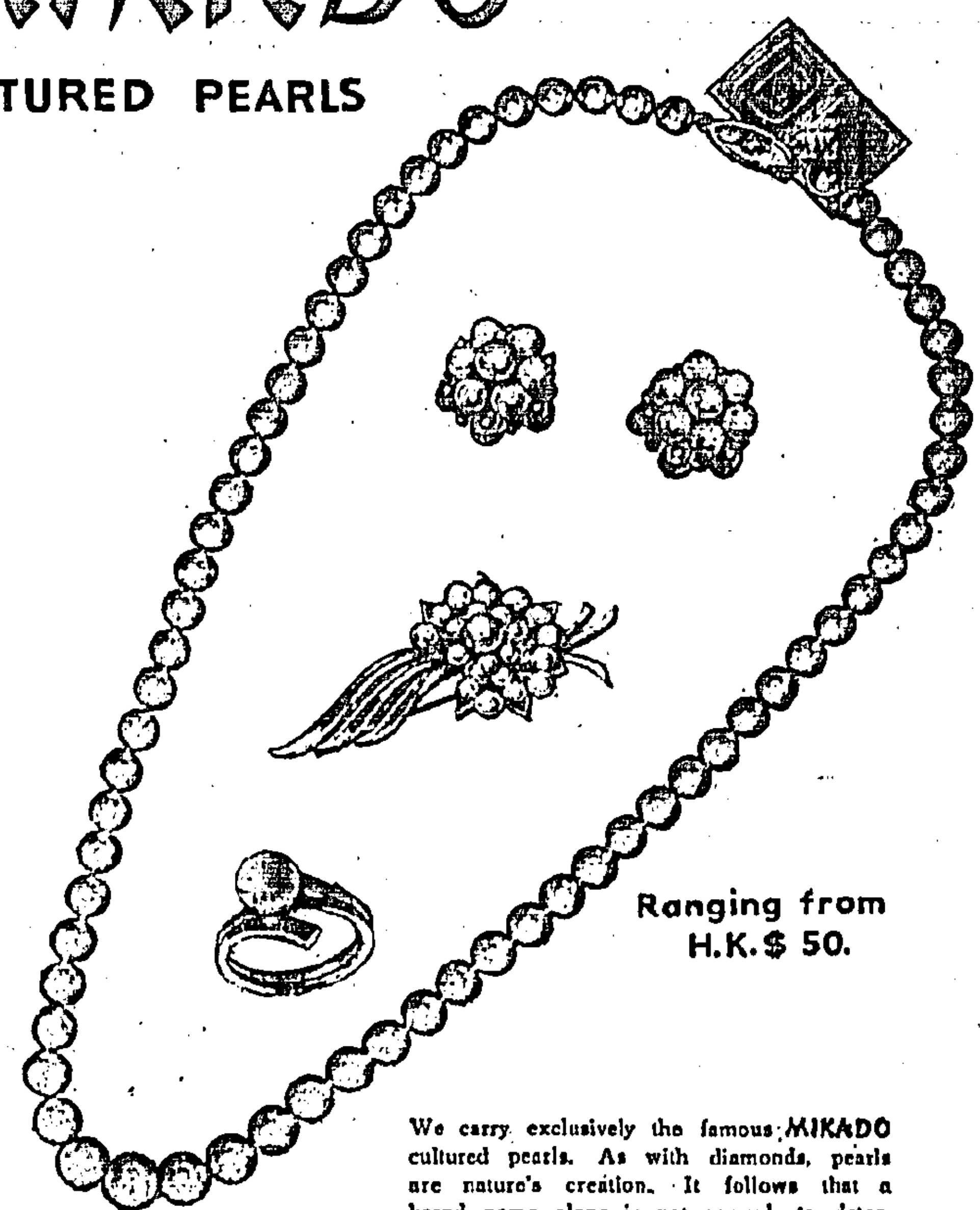
The 2,450-pound satellite was the heaviest and largest of the long-lived series, and its capsule contained instruments being tested for other satellite series—Samos, Midas and Transit.

It is expected to remain in orbit for up to six months, the air force said.—AP.

PLANE CRASH

Horse Cave, Ky., Feb. 21. A United States Air Force P-47 jet crashed while refueling in midair near here tonight. There was at least one survivor according to first reports.—Reuter.

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BID TO DISCUSS LAOS ISSUE WITH NEHRU Lord Home for Delhi

Will accompany Queen on visit to Nepal

London, Feb. 21.

The Earl of Home, Foreign Secretary, will leave by air on Friday for Delhi, to accompany the Queen on her state visit to Nepal, it was learned authoritatively here tonight.

Speculation was current in diplomatic quarters that the stopover in Delhi would provide a good occasion for personal consultations with Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, on world crisis such as Laos and the Congo.

The Queen and her party are due to leave Delhi for Nepal next Sunday. No official information was available here on Lord Home's programme during his short stay in the Indian capital.

PROPOSALS

India is one of the chief countries which Britain is stated to be consulting about the various proposals now in existence for a settlement in the small Indo-Chinese kingdom of Laos. The United States and Canada, it is reported, will be among other states included in the consultations, which may be protracted.

The present proposals are: 1. The King of Laos's suggestion for a commission composed of Malaya, Burma and Cambodia to confirm his country's neutrality. 2. The British proposal, made after an Indian initiative, for

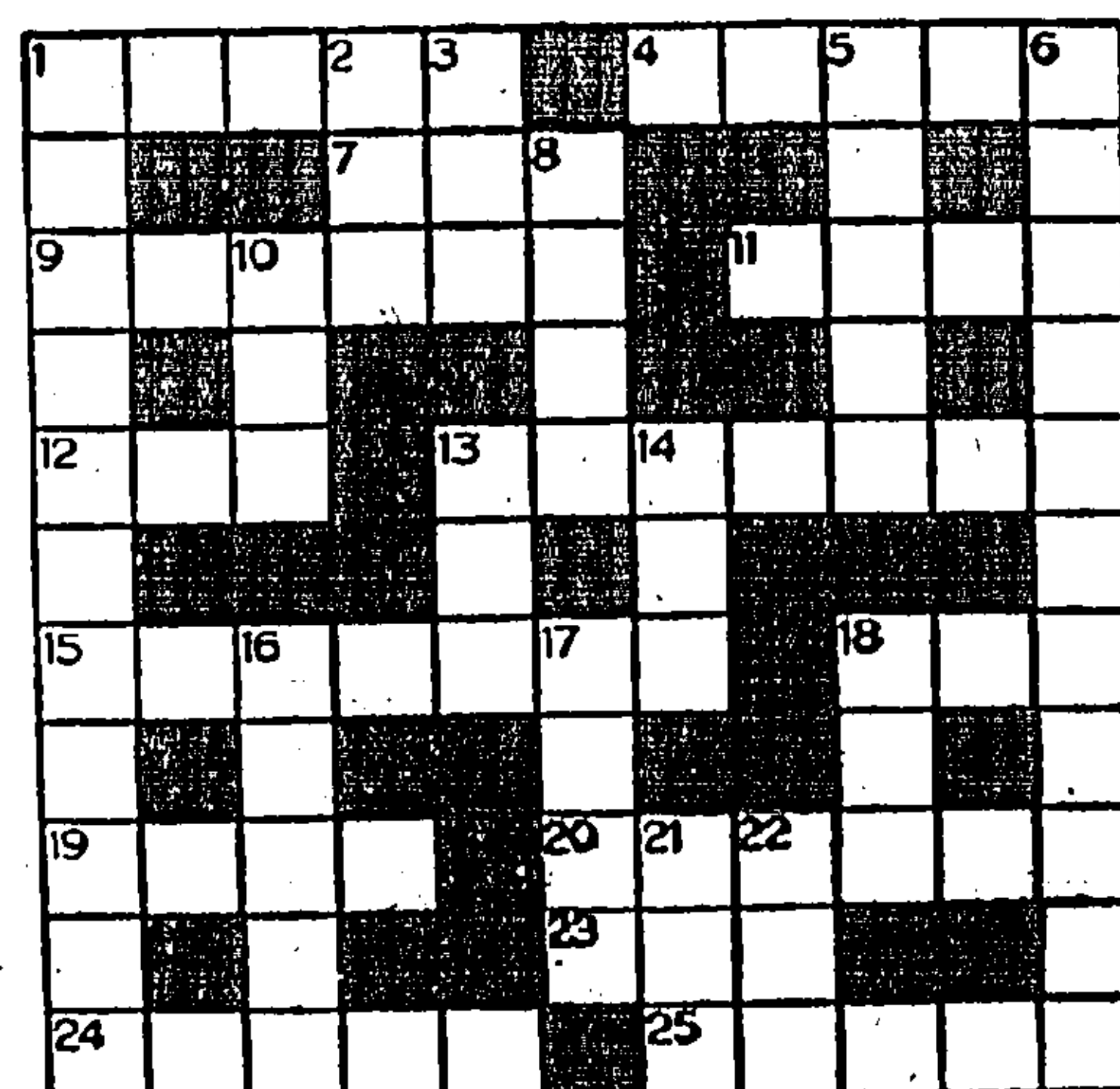
Eichmann names people involved

Haifa, Feb. 21. Adolf Eichmann has named a number of people some of them still living, as "concerned with the annihilation of Jews in Europe," one of his lawyers said here today.

Herr Dieter Wechtenbruch, Eichmann's junior defence counsel, had named the people in his 4,000-page statement to Israeli police.

Herr Wechtenbruch said the defence "will not put the blame on anyone for spite or to annoy but will not hesitate to name them in court or even call them as witnesses if it be necessary for the defence or in order to establish the truth."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Tiptoe.
- 4 Subject.
- 7 Fish.
- 9 Knot.
- 11 Information.
- 12 Be greedy.
- 13 Steadfast.
- 15 Hairy.
- 16 Digit.
- 18 Among.
- 20 Before.
- 24 Fox.
- 25 Destined.

DOWN

- 1 Slogan.
- 2 Encourage.
- 3 Chum.
- 5 Obvious.
- 6 Head-wear (two words).
- 8 Others.
- 10 Horse.
- 12 Coin.
- 14 Period.
- 16 Renr.
- 17 Railway.
- 19 Drink.
- 21 Weapon.
- 22 Born.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Cling, 5 Monies, 8 Aim, 10 Name, 11 Paper, 12 Now, 13 Era, 14 Leg, 15 Not, 16 Castor, 17 Set, 18 Yell, 19 Selter, 20 Bee, 21 Ale, 22 Mat, 23 Dog, 24 Agile, 25 Gulla, 26 Nor, 27 There, 28 Trees. Down: 1 Capers, 2 Liar, 3 Impact, 4 Girls, 5 Mango, 6 One, 7 Sewn, 8 Sort, 9 Atoll, 10 Fel, 11 Asa, 12 Rye, 13 Eve, 14 Ermine, 15 Liners, 16 Eagle, 17 Least, 18 Bell, 19 Edge, 20 Aloe, 21 Cur.

WORST DRESSED

New York, Feb. 21. Rock Hudson heads a newly compiled list of the world's "10 worst dressed men."

The compiler of the list, hair stylist Mr. Danie, says the movie star's hair style is "too feminine and too sleek."

Cuba's Premier, Fidel Castro could use a shave as well as a hair-cut, Danie says.

Princess Margaret's husband, Antony Armstrong-Jones and Elvis Presley are also on the list.—UPI.

Ginger Rogers to wed director

Hollywood, Feb. 21. Actress Ginger Rogers and director William Marshall are engaged, her mother said today.

"There are no immediate marriage plans," Mrs. Lela Rogers said. "This week Ginger has to film a TV pilot film. After that she must go to New York on a business trip. Mr. Marshall soon starts directing a picture."

FOURTH

The marriage would be the fourth for Miss Rogers, the third for Marshall.

She formerly was married to Lew Ayres, Jack Briggs and Jacques Bergerac.

Marshall was wed to actresses Michelle Preille and Michelle Morgan.

He and Miss Rogers met years ago. They have been dating several months.

The actress is 49, Marshall 43.—AP.

Germ-free banknotes

Paris, Feb. 21. All new French banknotes will be printed on special germ-free paper, the Bank of France has announced.

The paper is treated with a disinfectant "rendering innocuous all the microbes and bacteria with which it could become infested while in course of circulation."

The bank said the process was perfected after 18 months of experiment. It declined to reveal what germicide was used.—AP.

Pioneer airwoman

DISCOVERED BONES MAY BE REMAINS OF AMY JOHNSON

London, Feb. 21.

A copy of a letter from an Australian woman about bones thought to be the remains of Amy Johnson, pioneer British airwoman, found on an English beach in January, has been handed to the East Kent coroner, by a police inspector.

The letter was from Mrs. Violet L. Eather, of Shell Harbour, New South Wales, and was addressed to Mr. Harold Gough, curator of Herne Bay Records Society.

In it, Mrs. Eather said that in 1947 when she lived at Herne Bay on the south-east coast, where the bones were found, she discovered human bones in the same place.

BAILED OUT

She replaced them and did not report the discovery to the police.

Miss Johnson was working as an air transport auxiliary pilot ferrying material to France for the Royal Air Force during World War II when her plane crashed in the Thames estuary in 1941. She bailed out but was never seen again. She was then 37.

The East Kent coroner has ordered a scientific study of the discovered bones and of the lower jaw is the most vital piece of evidence.

He has said that everything possible will be done to see if they are the remains of Amy Johnson, before he holds an inquest.—China Mail Special.

International problem cooking

Washington, Feb. 21. Unconfirmed reports that President Kennedy was trying to hire the Burmese cook of the British Ambassador in Paris brought questions from gourmet members among the White House Press Corps today.

"I haven't heard that one," Mr. Pierre Salinger, the President's Press Secretary, said when asked to comment on the Columbia Broadcasting System report from Paris.

But he promised, with a grin, to look into the matter when a questioner pointed out that it was an international matter of some importance, involving no less than four countries—Burma, France, the United States and Britain.—Reuter.

Union fined for refusing to return to work

Miami, Fla., Feb. 21. A federal judge today fined the Eastern Air Lines Miami chapter of the Flight Engineers Union \$200,000 "or whatever is in your treasury" for refusing to return to work.

Federal District Judge Emmett C. Choate of Miami levied the fine for failing to obey a temporary injunction he granted Eastern last Saturday. At that time, he ordered Eastern's Miami-based flight engineers, who joined a nationwide wildcat strike, back to work.

ARGUED

Union attorneys argued unsuccessfully today that the strike was not authorized by the union and that the union officers had asked chapter members to obey the injunction.

But Choate ruled that the union actually was on strike since none of its members had returned to work. He refused to hear testimony from three rank and file members at the hearing.

The fine, in effect, impounded all of the union chapter's funds and assets if they failed to equal \$200,000.—UPI.

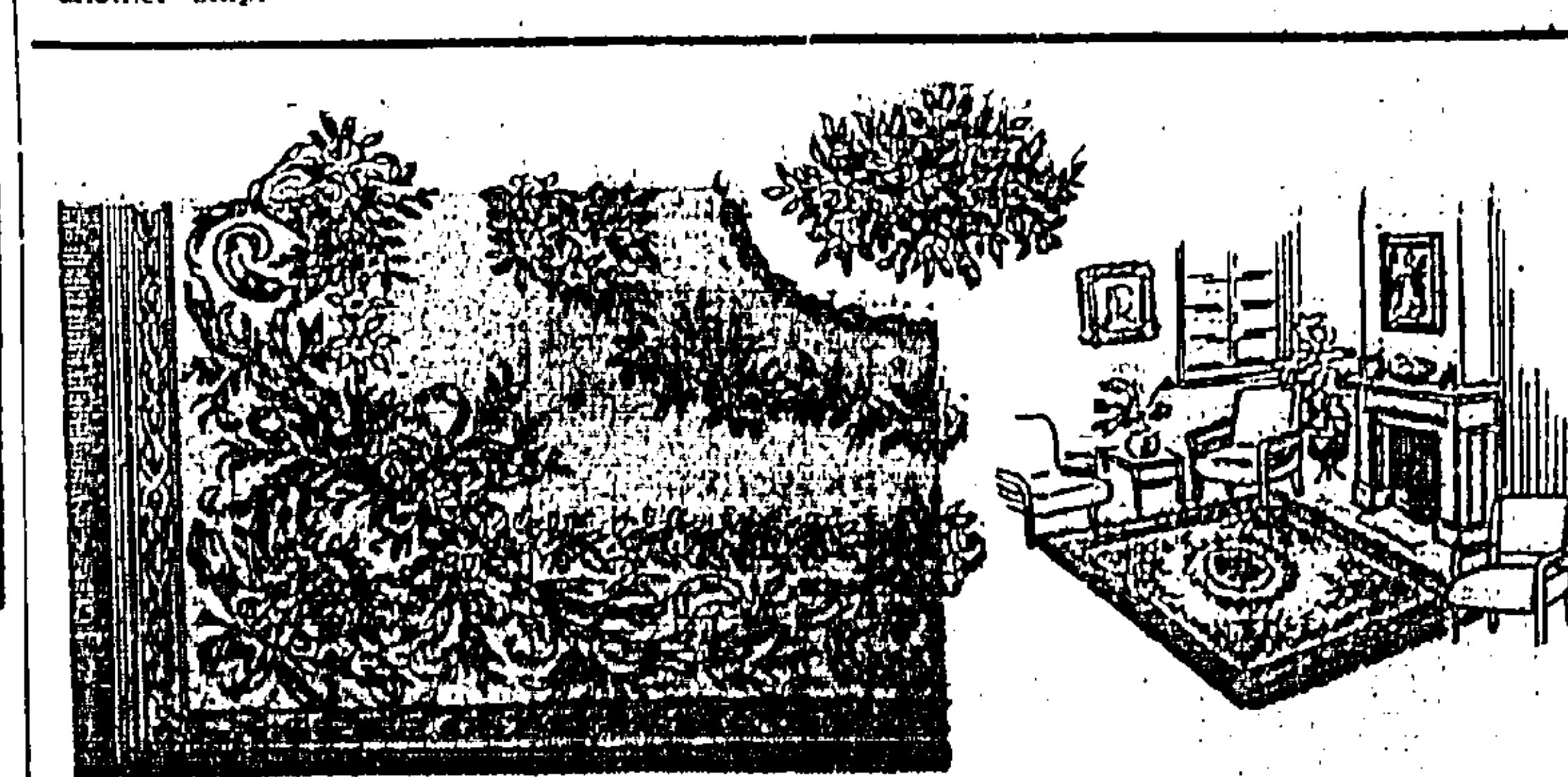
Earth tremor

Teramo, Italy, Feb. 21. People fled their homes in panic when a three-second earth tremor shook Teramo just before midnight tonight.

No casualties were reported but a few old buildings were slightly damaged.—Reuter.

All well on stranded ship

Sydney, Feb. 21. The Brisbane rescue tug Fearless reached the scene early today with equipment to rig a lifeline between the Runic and the British freighter Brighton (2,957 tons). Heavy seas had last night halted attempts to transfer men from the Runic to the Brighton.



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Tshombe accused of subduing Balubas

United Nations, Feb. 21.

President Moise Tshombe of Katanga was accused today of wanting to subjugate the entire northern region of the Katanga Province "by the use of overwhelming force."

The region is populated by Baluba tribesmen, and this force included "the burning of villages and the elimination of all opposition and resistance and the terrorization of the population."

The charge was made by Mr. Rajeshwar Dayal, UN special representative in the Congo, in a report circulated today as a Security Council document.

The report said that an offensive launched on February 11 was not merely aimed at opening up the Lumudi-Luena railway as Mr. Tshombe had said.

Belgian officers

Mr. Dayal said that reports received, and which were confirmed by the Chief-of-Staff of the UN command, General Iyassu, showed that operations were proceeding beyond the railway zone in a northerly direction.

"The methods employed in the conduct of the offensive against the local population conform to those already reported," Mr. Dayal said.

"After burning Mukulakulu village and putting the population to flight, the attacking force, of some 300-400 gendarmes, offered by Belgians, advanced in 60 trucks and occupied Luena from which the population had previously fled."

"An area of about six miles on both sides of the railway between Luabudi and Luena was cleared and all villages along the railway line were burned."

"The gendarmes, with some 400 men, took over the population and repair of the railway which had been cut in several places and at least two platoons were stationed in every village and a reinforced company was posted in Luena."—Reuter.

Red bishop dies

Budapest, Feb. 21.

Bishop Ferenc Rogics of Pecs, South Hungary, died from a heart attack in a Budapest hospital yesterday. It was announced here today.

Bishop Rogics, 81, was one of the first leading Catholic churchmen to swear an oath of allegiance to the Communist State and regime after the 1956 uprising.—Reuter.

'Peace formula' designed to end airlines strike

Washington, Feb. 21.

Labour Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg came up today with a peace formula designed to end the four-day-old wildcat strike that has tied up six airlines, it was learned.

Goldberg's plan was reported to call for striking flight engineers to return to work immediately while a special White House panel investigates causes of the walkout.

FINDINGS

The Labour Secretary went to the White House to report his findings to President Kennedy after conferring with union officials and representatives of the affected airlines.

His proposal, it was said, did not call for disciplinary action against the strikers if they returned to their jobs promptly.

The airlines also would be prohibited from making changes affecting flight deck assignments or the engineers' jobs until the White House panel made recommendations.—UPI.

Galvao will continue fight

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 21.

Portuguese rebel Capt. Henrique Galvao, leader of the band that seized the liner Santa Maria, said today he will continue his fight against Portugal's strongman premier, Antonio Salazar.

Galvao, predicting "one little push" will topple Salazar, left with Spanish rebel leader Jorge Soto Mayor for a rebel rest camp near Sao Paulo city.—AP.

Oh no! says astronaut's mother

Mitchell, Ind., Feb. 21.

"Oh, no!" moaned Mrs. Dennis D. Grissom today when told her son, Virgil, was one of three astronauts chosen for space flight.

"I've been hoping and praying he wouldn't be the one," said the mother of the career flyer. "I hate to be against him, because I know he wants to go."

PROUD

Then she added thoughtfully: "I've thought all along he'd be one of them. And I'll be more than proud if everything turns out all right."

The father had left his home for his work as a signal maintainer for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, before the word of the selections came.—AP.

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YES, I'M REALLY SOLD ON THE IDEA

Kennedy will keep America on its toes

I WENT to the United States five months ago to report the presidential election and, let's face it, I was inclined to be a Republican supporter.

I felt Nixon might be the best choice as President. Now I know I was wrong. New I know this Mr. John Kennedy, this political panther, is the man we all want in the White House.

Sureness

HIS youthfulness and off-handedness is delightfully hand-in-hand with an extraordinary sureness. The man is intelligent and knows what he wants. He is articulate, friendly, knowledgeable. No bumbling around. Suddenly, splendidly, America has been captured by a man inspired.

Let me admit at once that last year I had my doubts. As I covered Kennedy's electoral campaign, all through the

by
RENE MacCOLL

rough, tough burly-burly of the spring, summer, and autumn of 1960. I harboured reservations.

A break

NOW, all that has vanished. In the past three weeks, during which I have been reporting the singing start of the Kennedy era, I have become convinced that Kennedy's hair-line-thin victory at the polls was a tremendous break for us all.

You would find it hard to believe what a transformation has taken place in Washington. Where before there was doubt, dreariness and defeatism, now a great wave of excitement and optimism has transformed the United States.

By sheer competence, by knowing what he wants, this young man from Boston has thundered down upon America and insisted that a lately rather benumbed and wandering country should start knowing just where it means to go.

People have been comparing Kennedy with Franklin Roosevelt. I think that this is a loose and slipshod comparison. Kennedy is not to be compared, so far as I am aware, with anyone. He is a remarkable fellow in his own right.

So far he has not put a foot wrong. His ringing and convincing words—during his Inaugural Address, his messages to Congress, his deft and swift-minuted Press conference—have been a joy to listen to.

Above all, we have had the splendid feeling that a young man, willing to experiment, willing to throw a rule or so overboard, is in charge.

Sagacious

THE "experts" said that he would be rash and brash. On the contrary, he has taken his time over his appointments to the Cabinet and other top-line posts. And the men whom he has called in to help him have been sagaciously chosen. The opening weeks of his Administration have been

marked by a cool and measured appraisal of the scene. The great thing to bear in mind about Kennedy is that you can take nothing for granted. Pomp, protocol, and ponderousness have been flung out of the window. This aggressive chap makes up his own regulations as he goes along.

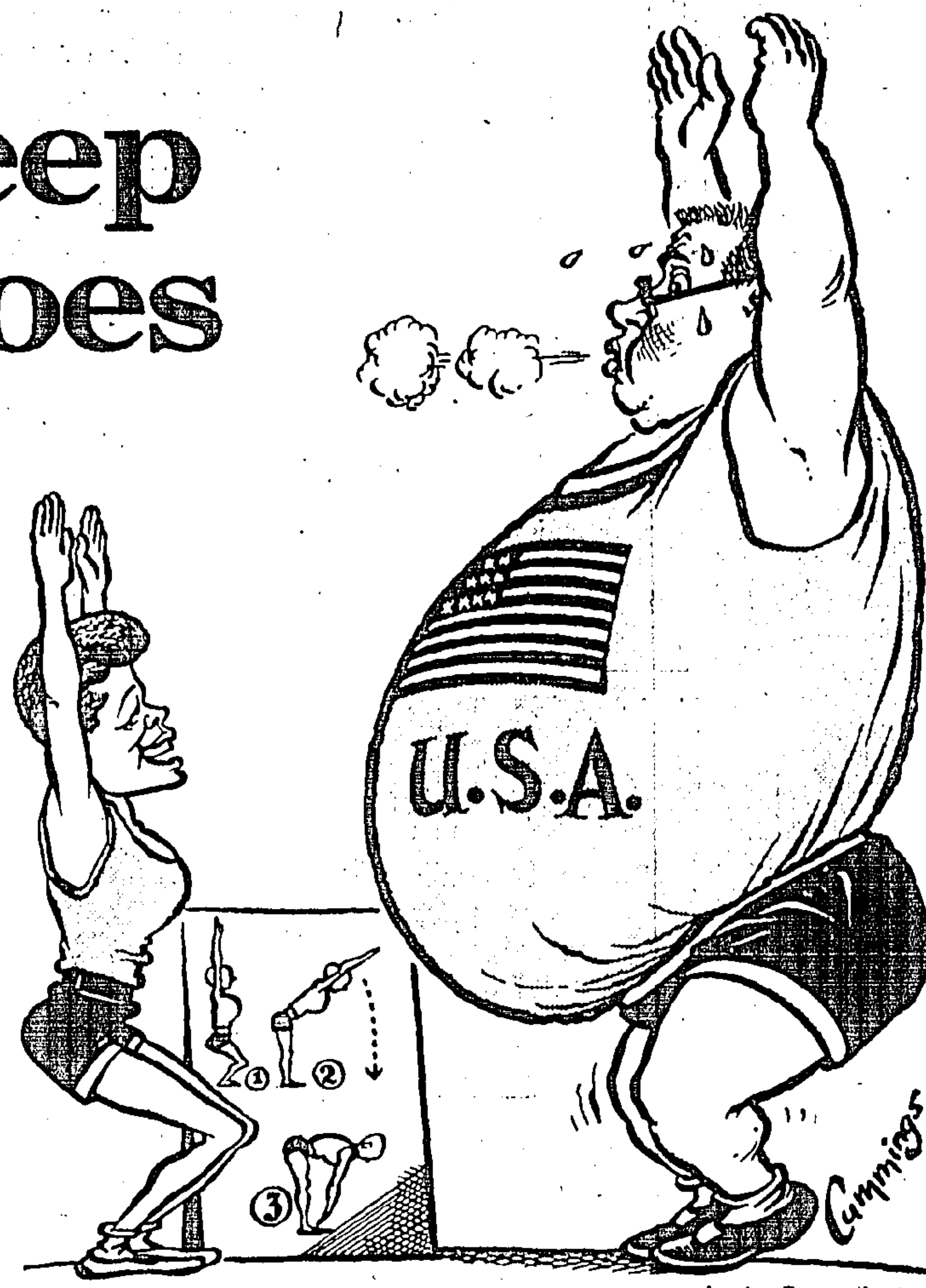
Worth while

THIS means that when Prime Minister Harold Macmillan goes to see President Kennedy at the beginning of April, far from being fobbed off afterwards with one of those unutterably dreary little communique in which the "cordial atmosphere" is the main news item, you may find that you are reading some really worthwhile statement.

Kennedy, despite some completely ill-based rumours, has the highest regard for the P.M. and wants above all to retain the Anglo-American understanding and alliance on the firmest possible footing.

And when Kennedy and Khrushchev finally meet—wow! Because if anyone has the notion that the new U.S. President is anyone's "fall guy," perish the thought.

In Jolly John, Nifty Nikita may well find a most interesting conference mate.



London Express Service.

Creating racial harmony in Malaya

by Gordon Hung

WHAT are the long term policies of both Malayan governments to prevent racial strife? In Singapore the government is trying to evolve a Malayan culture out of the three predominant eastern cultures, Chinese, Malay, and Indian.

The government is also encouraging the use of the Malay language in school with the eventual aim of making it the official language of the island.

Malaya in Singapore are the most backward race and the government has given them various privileges to enable them to compete on equal footing with their Chinese counterparts. The PAP is also trying to instill a Malayan consciousness and loyalty in the people.

The eventual aim of all this is racial harmony on the island and politically to make the island as Malayan as the Federation.

This is because Singapore's future is ultimately tied up with the Federation's and a merger between the two territories is a foregone conclusion. The only question is "when?"

Here again the racial question crops up. If Singapore becomes part of the Federation, the present racial balance will be upset with Chinese having a slight edge over the Malays.

Drawback

This is as much a drawback to a merger between the two territories at the moment as the political colour of the present Singapore Government.

To break the economic hold the Chinese have in the Federation, the multi-racial Alliance Government is giving the Malays special privileges in all sectors of business and industry, so that eventually they will be able to compete with their Chinese and Indian counterparts on equal footing.

Malay is now compulsory in all schools whose syllabus has been given a Malayan slant to replace the previous Chinese, Western or Indian-angled teaching in all schools. Malay will also be replaced these languages as the means of instruction in all schools eventually. This is to be followed by having all examinations set in Malay.

Thus all schools will have a common syllabus, a common language of instruction and a common language for examinations.

Certain sectors of the Chinese population have objected to these proposals as they see in them the eventual decline of Chinese influence amongst the new generation.

Apart from the multi-racial Alliance party in the Federation there is only one other multi-racial political party—the Socialist Front. The Pan-Malayan Islamic Party is communal, campaigning for "Malaya for Malays only" and governing according to the Koran, while the People's Progressive Party draws its political following from the Chinese by championing their rights.

Junior partners

The Alliance Government led by Tengku Abdul Rahman comprises the United Malays National Organisation with the Malayan Chinese Association and the Malayan Indian Congress as the junior partners.

The Alliance aims for inter-racial harmony, and solutions to all problems are by compromise and give-and-take between the races. But in the eyes of certain sectors of the Malayan Chinese and Indian—notable those who are non-English speaking—the Alliance has not satisfied their aspirations and is regarded as a facade for the perpetuation of Malay privileges.

On the other hand Malays are anxious about Chinese and Indian aspirations because of the prospect that in the not too distant future they will be ousted from their present superior position on the electoral rolls and thus be subordinate to the Chinese both politically and economically.

The future of this multi-racial experiment depends on two factors. Firstly that a Malayan consciousness be instilled in the younger generation so that they consider themselves as Malaysians and not Chinese, Indians or Malays. Secondly the Government must, in the meantime, be alert enough to stop any racial disturbance before it breaks out, because once it does the repressed frustrations of all races will break out into the open and in one blow the experiment might fail.



Another Hongkong girl finds her way to Hollywood

via a cocktail party in the Colony

HONGKONG girls seemed quite successful in crashing into Hollywood—and into the films made by the world movie capital.

First there was Judy Dan who appeared in "The King and I" then Li Li-hua starred in "The China Doll," and recently Nancy Kwan captured the title role in "The World of Suzie Wong."

The latest, however, is Miss Terri Zimmern, who starred in "The Split," a science-fiction picture shown in Hongkong earlier this month.

Miss Zimmern was, for three years, a beauty expert at the China Emporium—from 1952 to 1955.

Judging by the way she demonstrated her makeup skill and dealt with the clients at the cosmetic counter, Mr. Y. K. Chow, Sub-Manager of the China Emporium, once told her: "Terri, you certainly can act. Why don't you get into the films?"

"I might, one of these days," she answered.

In 1958, Kenneth G. Crane, a co-director of "The Split" came to Hongkong to shoot a TV film.

He was in search of local actors and actresses for parts. At a cocktail party, he met Terri.

First break

Soon she got her first break in freedom by playing a role in that TV picture.

The next thing people knew was that Terri went to Tokyo to take part in the filming of "The Split" in the Japanese capital.

In 1959, she married Kenneth G. Crane and settled in Los Angeles.

"Terri is photogenic," said a friend in Hongkong. "She was once the cover-girl for a local magazine."

In "The Split" Terri played Tara, a laboratory assistant in the mad Japanese scientist who was experimenting on a serum which, he believed, would create a new human race by mutations but which instead made a half-monster out of a correspondent with whom Tara had fallen in love.

CANTINFAS, the Charlie Chaplin of Mexico, is coming to Hongkong next



Terri Zimmern as she was in "The Split".

Thursday in conjunction with the screening of "Pepe," a technicolour spectacle-comedy.

Cantinflas will be remembered by many as Pasopartout, manservant to Philip Fog in "Around the World in 80 Days."

In Latin America for the last two decades, Cantinflas has been drawing big audiences.

Born Mario Moreno in Mexico City in 1911, Cantinflas spent his childhood in the shade of civil war and poverty.

He started his career in tent shows. By 1940 he had become a box office attraction. Since then his films have shown for 19 years in 4,400 theatres all over Mexico.

His cars

He owns a Jaguar, a Maserati, a Cadillac, two Mercedes, an Oldsmobile, a Dodge and a Pontiac.

He employs two pilots on a full-time basis to fly his own plane although he is a licensed pilot himself.

He maintains five homes and is the majority stockholder in four film companies. He owns a formidable percentage of "Around the World in 80 Days," which has now grossed almost \$25 million.

Mario Moreno is also a philanthropist. He has built and maintains a large housing project for 100 low-income families in Mexico and appeared at more than 100 benefit performances in a year plus many bullfight appearances for orphans, the aged, and the destitute.

His Godchildren

He has 16,000 Godchildren with acceptances and gifts arranged by mail.

Richard Condon said in his article published in the December issue of Holiday, "Mario Moreno is not sure that he should be rich, so he keeps giving his money away to the poor then raising his fees as an entertainer."

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HONGKONG has entered five pictures into the Eighth Asian Film Festival due to take place in Manila on March 7.

The five are Shaw's "Lost Belles," a widescreen Eastman colour musical, "The Deformed," a dramatic film, and "The

Swallow Thief," an action picture, and MP & GI's "The Wild, Wild Rose," a dramatic film, and "Hongkong," a documentary.

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THE Hongkong delegation to the forthcoming film festival consists of the leader, Mr. Loke Wan Tho, the MP & GI group and the Shaw group.

The MP & GI group comprises Robert Chung (Secretary), Grace Chang, Chang Yang, Dolly Soo Fung, Wang Lai and comedian Liu En-chia (members).

Mr. Loke, head of Cathay Organisation, parent company of MP & GI will leave for Manila from Singapore direct.

Mr. Run Run Shaw, head of Shaw Brothers will be the director of the Singapore delegation. He will leave for Manila on March 4.

The MP & GI group will take off on March 5, the Shaw group, on March 6.

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As there are only two dramatic entries, "The Deformed," starring Shaw's Betty Lo Tih, and "The Wild, Wild Rose," starring MP & GI's Grace Chang, the two stars seem the most likely Hongkong candidates to compete for the best actress award this year.

Nevertheless, Mr. Raymond Chow, Shaw's publicity director, said every actress in the five pictures will stand a chance of winning the award.

"For instance, you can't rule out Miss Lin Dai who appeared in the Swallow Thief and Les Belles."



CANTINFAS

Under-sea robots will watch for Red subs

By TOM POCOCK

ROBOT submarine detectors anchored to the ocean bed are to provide the West with their first line of defence against the Soviet submarine fleets.

Tests—including one year's trial in deep water off Bermuda—have shown that the new devices, which are based on the acetic and hydrophone equipment used in the war, can detect a submarine at a range of 300 miles.

Under ideal conditions a submarine can be detected at 1,000 miles and, with cross-bearings from several detectors its position can be fixed with sufficient accuracy to warrant a concentration of hunting forces.

The Royal Navy, which has made dramatic advances in this field, has released no information on such anti-submarine devices from the Secret List.

Code name

The United States Navy, which is working in close co-operation with Britain on the project, has now allowed the Martin Company of Baltimore to announce

the outline of their new sonobuoys which have been given the code-name "Fish."

The robot detectors are designed to operate at depths of between 500 and 15,000 feet where some reception is stable and not diffused by varying water temperature, pressure and salinity.

At present the detectors have to be towed by a submarine cable link with a shore power-plant.

But the Martin Company's scientists have now designed a compact nuclear battery which could be sunk with an independent robot giving it a life of about 10 years.

Such detectors planted at the entrances to the Baltic, the Black Sea and the North Cape of Norway could effectively keep track of the comings and goings of Russian submarines.

—(London Express Service).



"It's Fasten your seat belts — not 'Beh up'."

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A relationship which has been strained for some time will begin to improve, to the considerable relief of both parties.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A new venture which you are starting today should soon prove highly profitable, if you exercise caution every step of the way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be called away from your normal occupation to help a close friend, and must resign yourself to the interruption.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A daily task tackled with enthusiasm will put you ahead of any competition you may be facing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): An ambition of long standing will materialise today, and a small celebration is indicated.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): An hour's quiet contemplation of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting will fortify you against any surprise move on the part of your opponent.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Take full advantage of a sudden turn for the better, even if it may mean spending some extra time away from home.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A visit to close friends should not be postponed any longer, as they are eager to repay a debt of hospitality.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Don't lose patience with a colleague who is not so quick to grasp things as yourself. He will get there in the end just the same.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Think twice before signing a paper which may tie you down financially for many years ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): In order to settle a dispute fairly, it will be necessary for you to study both sides of the question carefully and without bias.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Agree to sharing expenses in a venture which you would not have the courage to finance alone.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the SEVEN of SPADES.



LEFT. Joyce in the basic black dress.

ABOVE. The party-look achieved by the addition of two white organdy roses.

RIGHT. The same black dress but given the sporty air.

Do you feel like hurling your winter wardrobe out of the window?

By SYLVIA DA COSTA-ROQUE

THERE'S no need to ask, for it's a certainty. You have the winter blues . . . you and your wardrobe.

You are reaching the desperate stage when you are about to hurl the whole collection out of the window and burst into spring freshness — irrespective of the fact that you'll most likely catch your death of cold!

But don't despair. There are only a couple more months to go and for that short period, it is senseless to spend more money on warm outfits.

The thing to do is to freshen up what you have. In other words, at this time of the year, your eyes should be on necessities.

Every wardrobe undoubtedly contains that classic "the little black dress." Black is wonderful on its own. It is also the perfect foil for accessories.

It can be dressed either up or down and with the right touches, the one dress can be adapted for sports meetings, shopping jaunts and festive evenings.

And the adaptability of black was demonstrated recently by Pease Harford of the Centre of Elegance on two of her models, Australian Tikki Bannan and Chinese Joyce Gockson.

Both girls were in plain black dresses—Joyce in a cheongsam and Tikki in a Dior-line wool jersey.

The cheongsam was "dressed-down" for a sports meeting with a white heavy knit boxy jacket and natty blue and white striped linen shoulder bag. The party look was achieved by artificial flowers, which are now right back in fashion.

One white organdy rose was pinned at the base of the cheongsam collar, another was fixed in the hair just above the widow's peak.

For Tikki it was chiffon, roses and a smart Balmain hat. The hat, a wine-red cloche dipping into the right cheek, gave the dress an elegant afternoon air. It was teamed with black gloves but no jewellery.

For evenings, a madonna-like effect was created by a chiffon scarf which was draped around the head and held in place by a contrasting rose. The ends were allowed to flow freely down the back. This was also worn with black gloves, and again no jewellery was used.

This season, chiffon is the thing. It has become high fashion, it is reasonably priced and there are a thousand and one ways of wearing it—flung casually across the throat and flowing down the back, draped across one shoulder and tied on the other, as a cravat or even as a scarf.

But one word of warning. While each of these styles can make your black dress look quite sensational, they can also use too much of the one thing, and don't clutter with too much jewellery.

Even against the perfect defence put up by East and West, South could have made nine tricks, but he slipped up at a crucial point and held himself to his bare contract.

West opened a trump. South won and led a heart. East won the trick and played a second trump. South won in dummy; led and ruffed a heart; and played a third trump to dummy's queen. This gave East a chance to discard and he signalled club strength by dropping the nine.

South led a third heart and discarded a club. West won the trick and promptly underled his ace of clubs. East took the king and returned the suit. A third club lead knocked out South's last trump and left him with a spade loser.

Where did South go wrong in the play?

He should have discarded a club the first time he played a heart from dummy. Then the defenders would not have been able to keep South from setting up dummy's fifth heart for a discard of the losing spade.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner rebids to two clubs. What do you do now?
Answer: *Reopen.*

THE ROCKER ROCKS ITS WAY BACK . . .

FIFTY years ago the painter Whistler made a famous study of his mother sitting in a rocking-chair. The painting usually raises a patronising smile from the moderns, but at least Whistler's mother is bang up to date again.

Because rocking-chairs are swinging back into fashion, and if Mrs Whistler's dress seems a bit out of date, she's all right as far as chairs go. Its soothing movements are claimed to give old people longer life. An article in the leading medical magazine promotes its good effects on the health. And since the chair came back, it has become scarce in antique shops and brought a flood of inquiries around the big stores.

Sothebys tell me they will offer up to £50 for a traditional American rocking-chair, and Donald Albery, impresario of the new play, "The Miracle Worker" has given up his attempt to buy a Colonial chair and had to hire one instead.

Each of the beautiful women and the women involved in the beauty business that I talked to, has a rocking-chair in her home.

Mrs Nigel Campbell (Barbara Goalen) found hers in a junk shop years ago. Cover girl Rosalind Watkins tones her muscles and calms her nerves in a chintz-covered Victorian one.

I first met Princess Gourielli (better known as Helena Rubinstein, greatest cosmetic authority of them all) when she was holding court on a chaise longue, but now find she prefers a purple velvet rocking-chair in her Manhattan apartment and plans to have one in her Knightsbridge penthouse.

Positively the LAST word in contemporary chairs are now being sold in leading furniture stores. Recently I saw some strange furniture created by Verner Panton, the outstanding item is called the Pedestal Chair. Something between a bar stool and an ice-cream cone, it is supported on a steel tripod

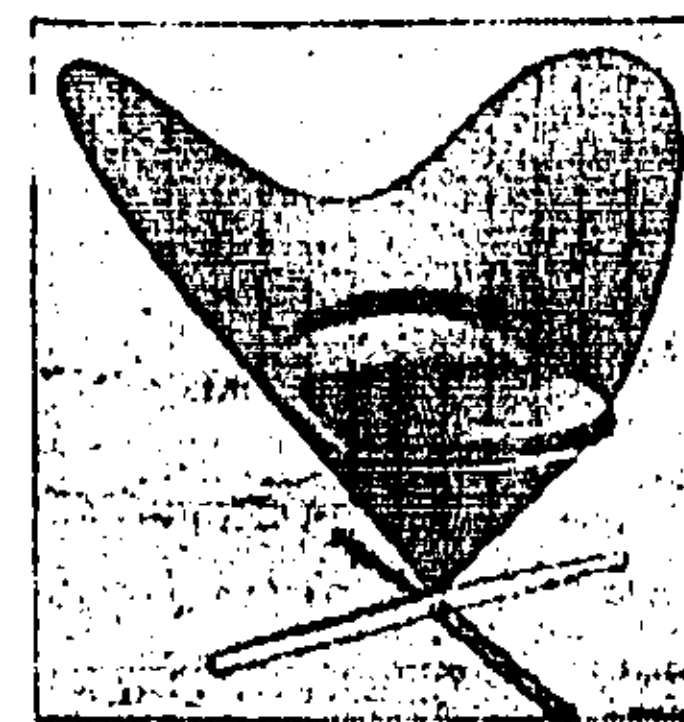
and upholstered in exotic shades, to tapestry tweed. The trend is to have four different coloured chairs around a streamlined black coffee table and Panton has already designed a Danish hotel cocktail room with chairs.

Surrealistic touch: his cone chair entirely wrought from chromium plated wire with an upholstered seat and back cushion.

Since the days when Mme. Recamier first prettily relaxed, the chaise longue has been around as a bit of fashionable drawing-room furniture. Now, it is given a new look, as elegant as before but cured to living rooms that prefer a mixture of modern and period furniture. Again the design is Scandinavian.

But this time from the Paradise range and the covers are superbly tailored with legs finished in natural mahogany or teak.

By ELIZABETH DICKSON
(London Express Services).



THE CHAIR for the anti-rocker school: luxurious, superbly comfortable, easy chair with unusual wings. Covered in rough wool tapestry. By Danish designer Verner Panton.



Tikki puts her black dress into a night-time role by adding a chiffon scarf and rose. For a smart afternoon occasion, the chiffon is exchanged for a smart hat.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mimi, The Whale

—Punch Caught Her When She Was Very Small—

By MAX TRELL

"UNCLE Punch," said Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, "did you ever happen to see a Whale?"

Mr Punch, who happened to be writing a letter at his desk, looked up. There was surprise in his face.

"Did you say Whale, my Boy?" he asked.

Repeats his question

Knarf repeated that he wished to know whether Uncle Punch had ever seen a Whale.

Now Mr Punch's face lit up in a huge warm smile.

"Ever see one? I should say I have! Why," he exclaimed, "do you know whom I'm writing to right this moment?"

Knarf said he couldn't guess. "Are you writing to your Grandmother?" he finally asked.

"My Grandmother?" Mr Punch shouted in astonishment. "No siree! I'm writing this letter," and he shook the letter in the air as he spoke. "To Mimi!"

"Who's Mimi?" Knarf asked.

"A Whale!" said Mr Punch. "Come here, my Boy. Sit yourself down by my desk and I'll tell you the whole story about Mimi, the biggest, heaviest and pleasantest Whale in the whole entire world."

So Knarf, who was very eager to hear about Mimi, the Whale, sat down in the chair next to the desk. Then Mr Punch laid down his pen and the letter and began.

Punch's story

"I caught Mimi when she was no bigger than a Tadpole — a Polliwog!" said Mr Punch. "I caught her in my straw hat while I was swimming at the seaside. She flipped and flapped around."

"I put her in a small jar and brought her home and let her swim in a Goldfish bowl with two Goldfish."

"They pushed her around a bit," said Mr Punch.

"They did!" exclaimed Knarf. Mr Punch nodded.

"The two Goldfish were bigger and stronger than little Mimi. But pretty soon I noticed that Mimi was beginning to grow. After about a week, she started chasing the Goldfish around."

"Oh!" said Knarf.

"And, by and by," continued Mr Punch, "there was no more room for the Goldfish, so I took them out. But I still didn't think Mimi was anything more than a Tadpole, a rather big Tadpole. I kept waiting for her to grow legs and turn into a Frog. But she didn't. She just kept growing bigger and fatter. A few days later, her tail was sticking out of the top of the Goldfish bowl!"

"Why didn't you put Mimi in a bigger place?" asked Knarf.

"I did, my Boy. I did!" said Mr Punch. "I put her in the bathtub."

"That should have been room enough, Uncle Punch!" said Knarf.

"It was—but only for a week or so," said Mr Punch. "Then one morning I discovered her hanging over the side of the bathtub, thumping her tail something awful and spouting water out of the top of her head."

"That's when I knew that Mimi wasn't a Tadpole. She was a Whale!"

"What could I do now?"

"I know," said Knarf. "You could have thrown her back into the ocean!"

"Ah, my Boy, you're right. That's what I should have done. But I didn't."

"I wrapped her up in a wet blanket and took her to the park and threw her into the lake. It was a big lake. But it wasn't big enough for Mimi!"

"I don't believe this story about Mimi," Knarf suddenly said.

"But it's true — as true as I'm standing here!" cried Mr Punch.



"Are you writing to your Grandmother?" Knarf asked.

"You aren't standing. You're sitting," said Knarf. But Mr Punch went right on as though he hadn't heard Knarf at all.

"I heard the noise of shouting and the sound of Policemen blowing their whistles. I rushed to the park lake. And there she was, all over the park and squirting water into the faces of the Policemen."

"Some of them were trying to throw nets over her. But she was very big. The nets hardly fitted over the end of Mimi's nose."

"How trouble started"

"Then I came over. When she saw me, she quieted down at once. She really was quite gentle."

"I found out that the trouble started when Mimi very kindly allowed Boys and Girls to sit on her back and took them for a ride around the lake. But the Policemen—they didn't like the idea of a Whale in a lake in the middle of the park — tried to stop her from doing this. She became very angry. It was a shame."

"He'll write"

"Anyway," continued Mr Punch, "she finally grew too big even for the lake. So one day I hired a big truck and took her down to the seaside and let her go. She was unhappy about leaving me."

"Don't worry," I told her. "I'll drop you a line now and then. Good-bye, Mimi!"

"And off she went, flapping her enormous tail and squirting water out of the top of her head like a fountain. Then he picked up the letter."

"And just today I decided to drop her a line."

Drop it in water

"I'm going to take this letter down to the seaside and drop it in the water. Mimi will get it. It will make her very happy to hear from me. I'll send her your regards, too, Knarf, my Boy."

"No, Uncle Punch," Knarf said. "he got off the chair next to Mr Punch's desk. 'I'll say what I said before. I don't believe this story about Mimi at all, not at all at all.'"

But Mr Punch only smiled as he folded up the letter.

Rupert and the Winter Sale—16



The shop manager seems amused at Rupert's words and does not stop until they enter an office with two or three doors and are confronted by a smiling motherly nurse. "Well, well, and is this a little lost person?" she says kindly. "Dear, dear, never mind. All rights reserved."

Shall we put our parcels down and take off our overcoat? It's warm in here. Now shall we let down some notes on who you are? Rupert Bear of Nutwood, eh? Last touch with Mrs. Bear, eh? Well, don't be frightened. All will come right. You're quite safe."

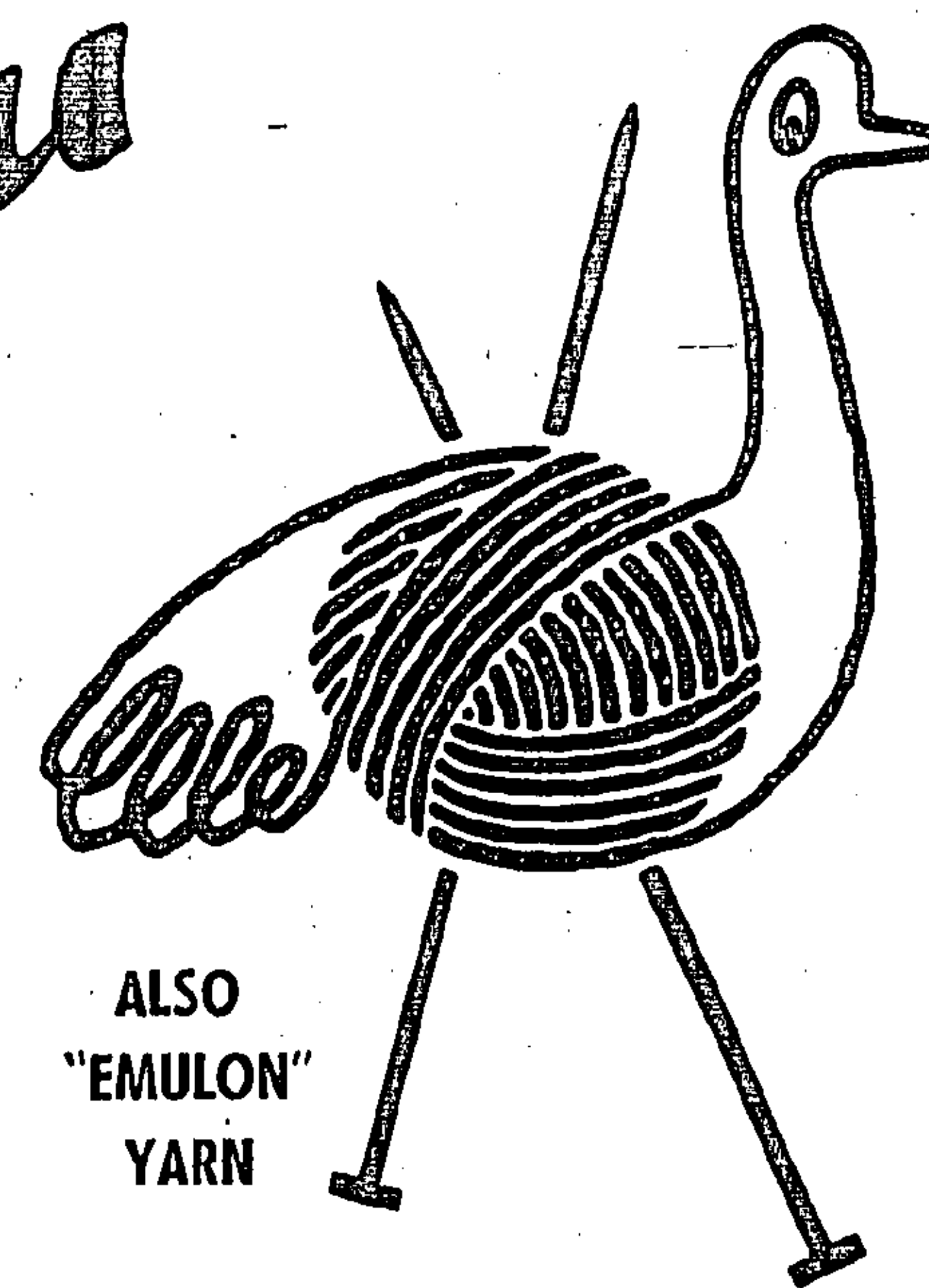
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ABOVE: Up goes the umpire's hand in response to an appeal for a catch behind the wicket by West Indian wicketkeeper Gerry Alexander off the bowling of Garfield Sobers. The dismissed batsman after scoring 21 runs during the third day's play in the Fifth Test at Melbourne is Alan Davidson. Australian captain Richie Benaud is the other batsman in the picture. Australia won the match by two wickets and thus took the series.



ABOVE: The Finnish light-heavyweight boxer Pekka Kokkonen (known in Sweden as "Knokkonen" because of his many fast knock-out wins) has frequently been a sparring partner for former world champion Ingemar Johansson. Ingo has asked Kokkonen to come to the United States, so that he can get in some hard training for the last few weeks before his third fight with Floyd Patterson on March 13. Photo shows Pekka Kokkonen, who is a gardener by trade, saying goodbye to some of his indoor plants before settling out for America.—Express photo.

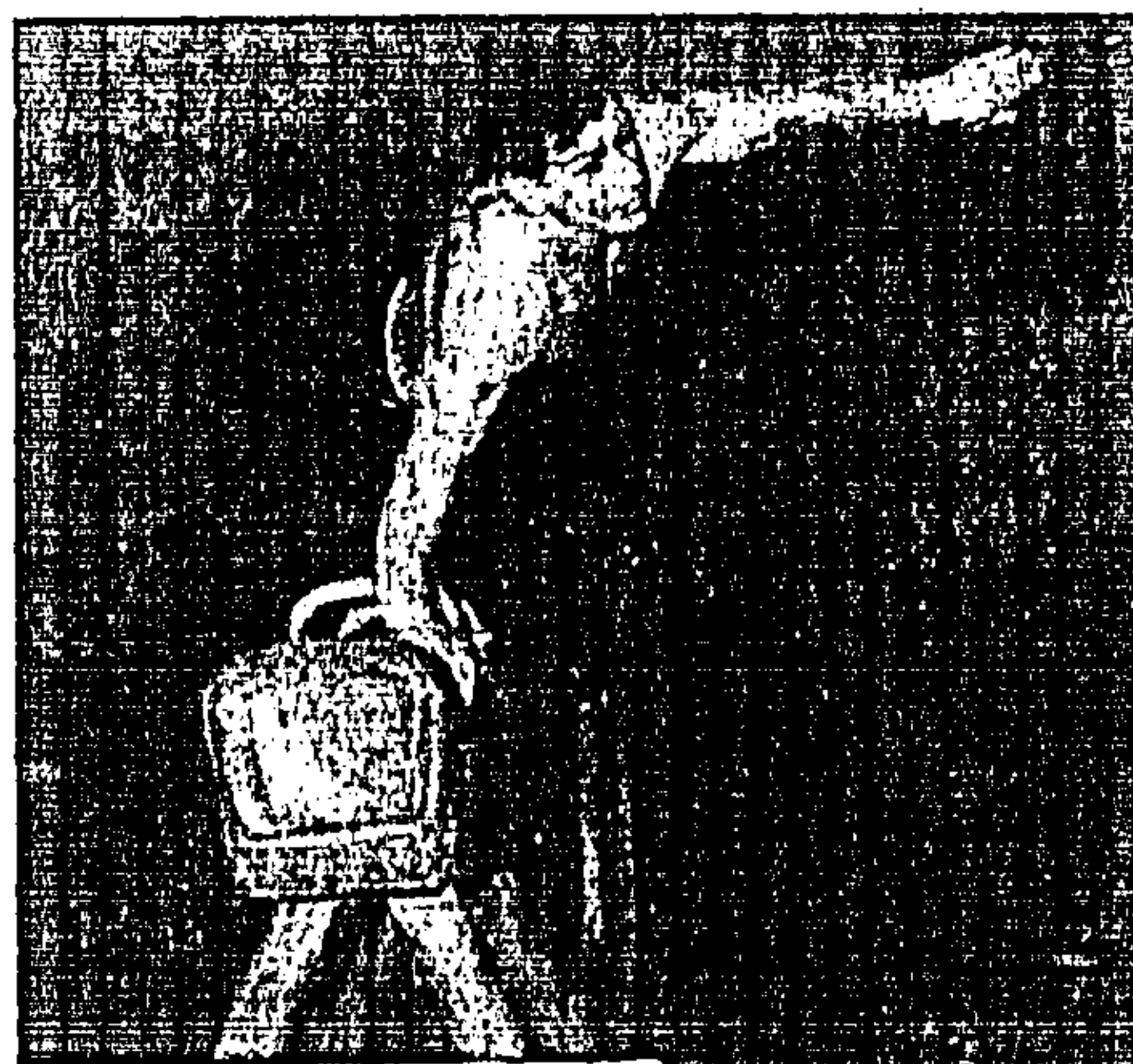


ABOVE: Seen here is Vladimir Frakhov, who will ride Russian entry Epigraff in the Grand National at Aintree next month. He is a second-lieutenant, 29-year-old master sportsman (equestrian) of the Red Army of the Soviet Union. Interviewed as he dismounted from a training run on Epigraff, on a course eight inches deep in snow, five miles out of Moscow, he said: "I never use a spur or whip on a horse unless it is a very bad horse. And Epigraff is a very good horse." Asked if he expected to win the Grand National, he replied: "One can only hope. But most of the races I enter, I win."—London Express photo.

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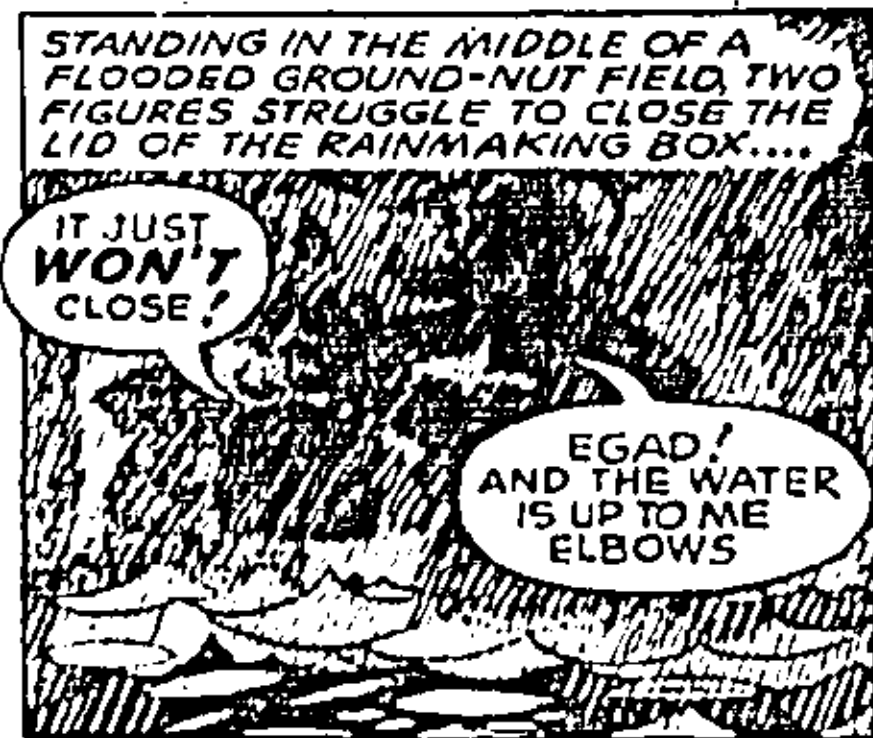
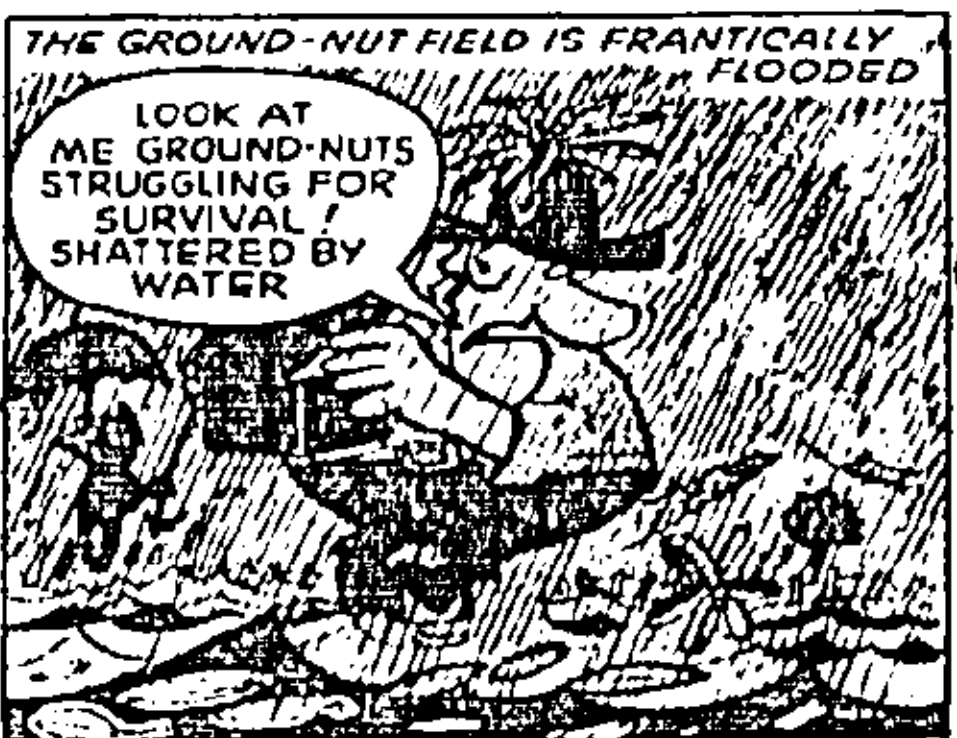
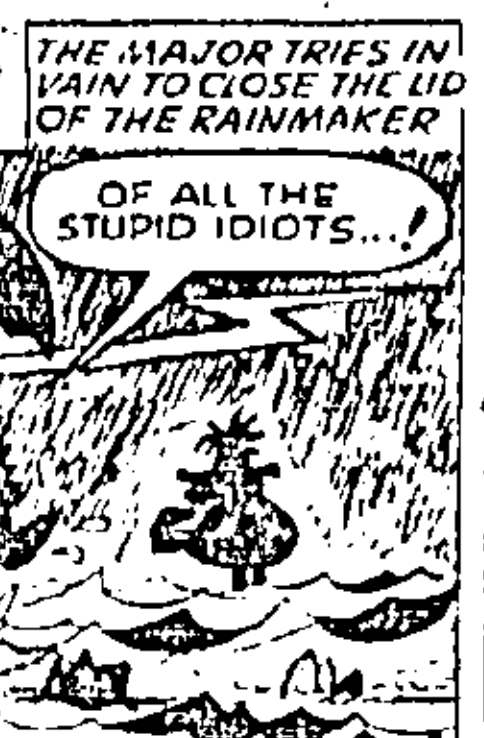


ABOVE: The Chinese New Year soccer attraction this year was provided by the Swiss League champions, the Young Boys of Berne, who played a series of three matches here last week. On Chinese New Year's Day they lost their opening match to All-Hongkong by 0-1. They again lost in their second match, this time by 2-5 to the Hongkong Section, but made amends in their final match when they trounced the Combined Chinese by 6-0. Photo shows the Swiss team being introduced to Mr William S. T. Loey, President of the Hongkong Football Association, prior to their opening match on Chinese New Year's Day.—China Mail photo.



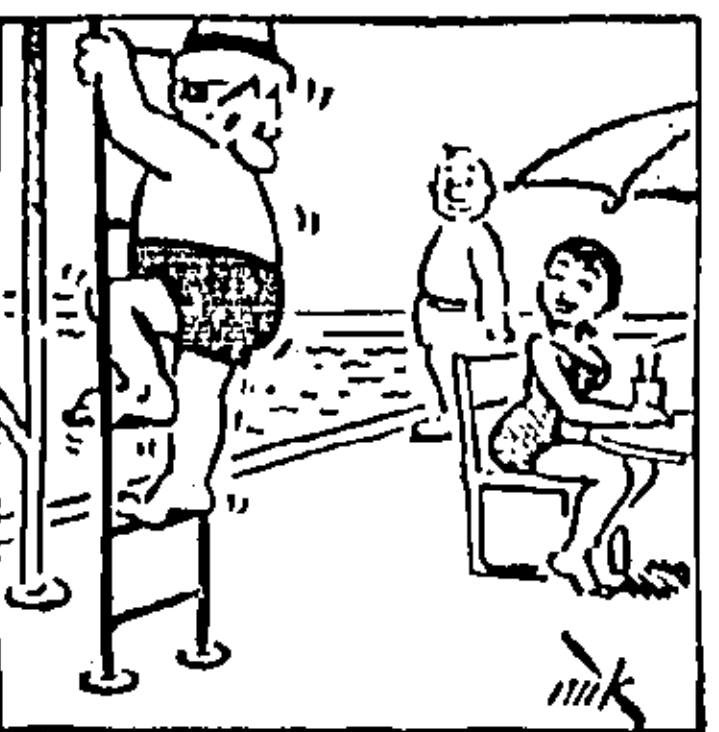
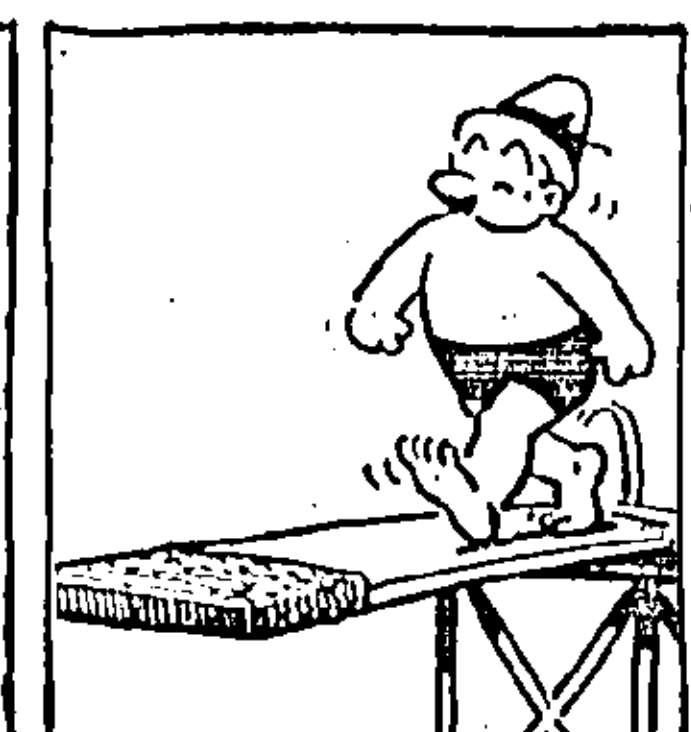
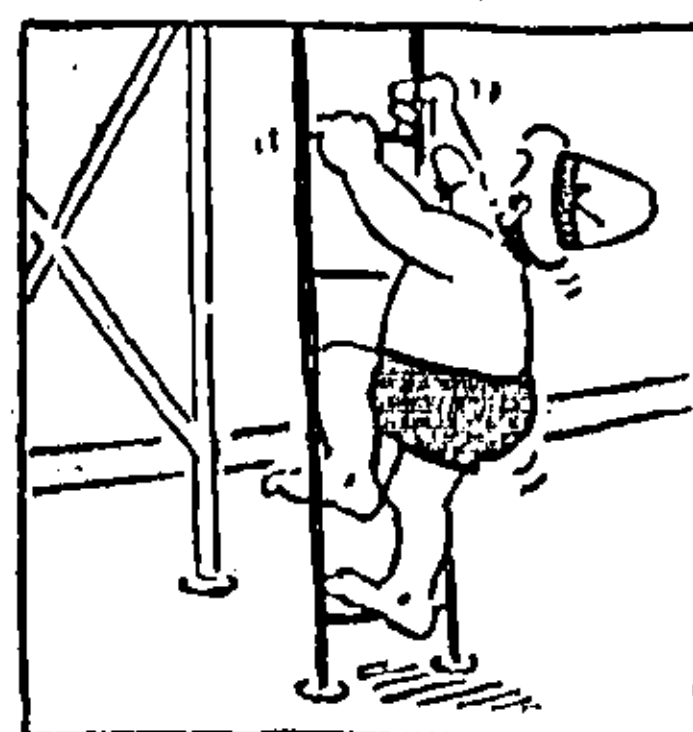
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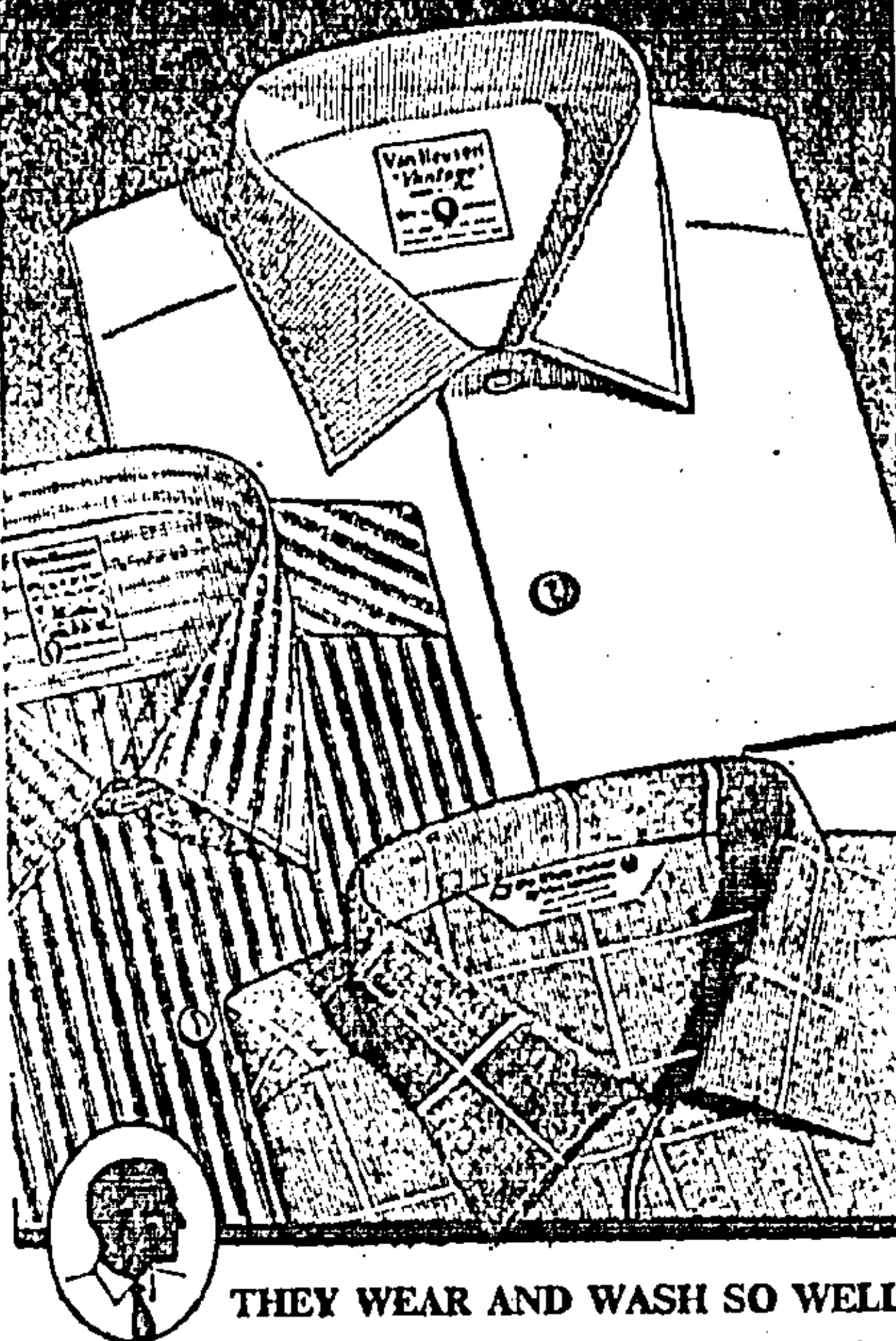


ABOVE: British Army Sergeant-Major Nick Stuart, aged 30, the British champion gymnast for the past six years, and European silver medalist, performs one of his specialties for the benefit of a group of admiring soldiers at the Army Physical Training School at Aldershot, Surrey, where he is an instructor. Sergeant-Major Stuart is to defend his national title at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on March 25 this year.—COI photo.



ABOVE: Hugging the ball in this new picture is Crews Alexandra's gallant goalkeeper, Brian Williamson, 21, the Fourth Division player whose prospects of transferring to a First Division side in the next few days are bright. After his fine goalkeeping in the fourth round FA Cup tie match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane recently it is thought that his eventual transfer may create a new record fee for a goalkeeper. The present record fee for a goalkeeper is the £23,000 that Manchester United paid Doncaster for Harry Gregg, three years ago.—Reuter photo.

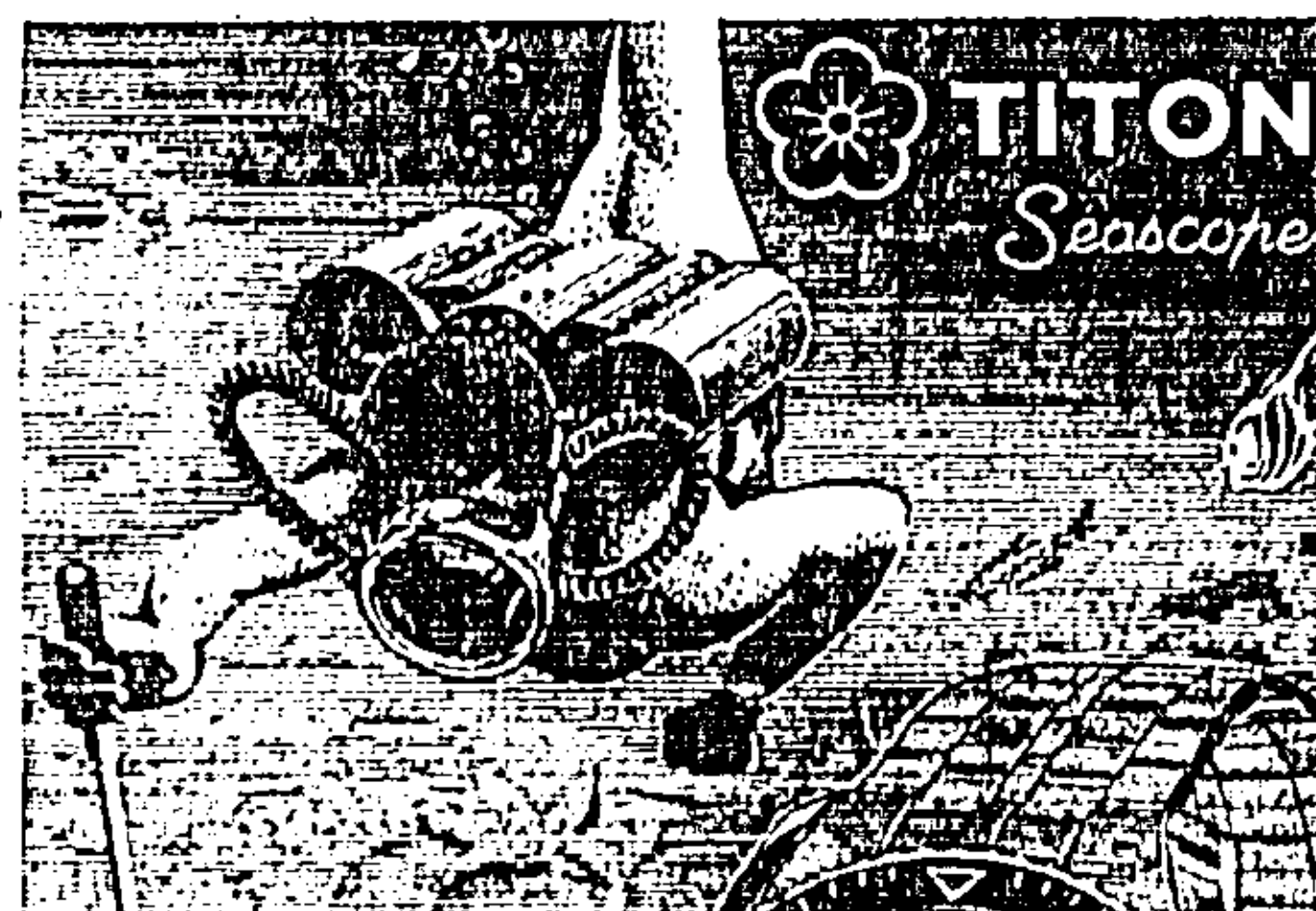
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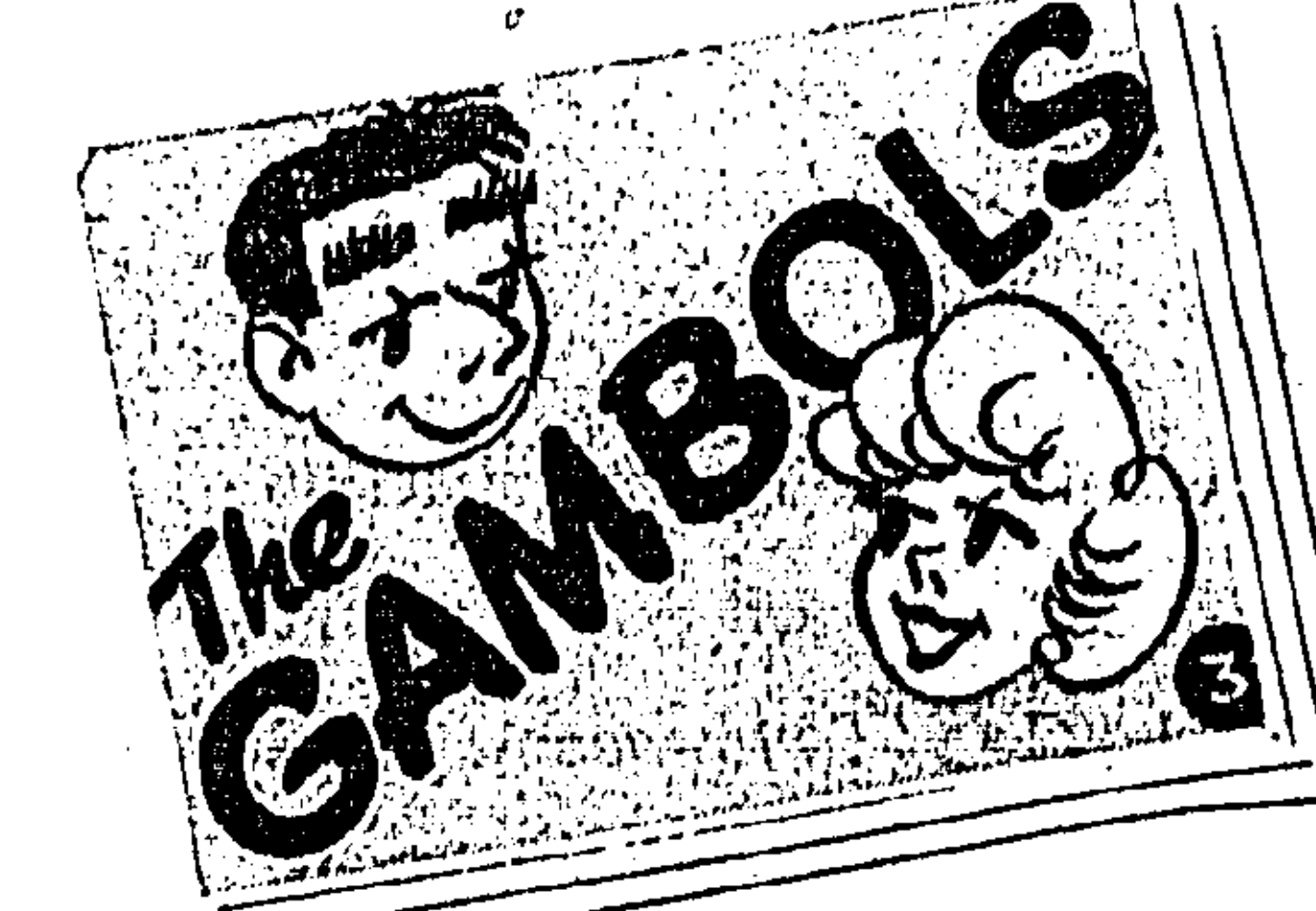


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NO ELECTION: LOCAL REACTION

Reform Civic coalition leaders give views

Leaders of Reform Club and Civic Association whose candidates will be automatically returned to the elected seats in the Urban Council this year expressed different views on the fact that there will be no election.

Jury retires for verdict

DEFENCE OF WOMAN IN ACID CASE

In his final submission at the Supreme Court for the defence of 22-year-old Li Wai-chun, accused of throwing corrosive acid on her lover and wounding him, Mr Terence Y. Shurlock said this morning:

"Experience has shown that there is no form of evidence which is less reliable than a hasty confession. Li Wai-chun might have performed the acts of wounding and throwing acid with her hand and be guilty with her hand, but may not be guilty in her mind. It is my defence of this woman, only aged 22, and, in my submission a very good type of woman indeed, that the wounds inflicted on her lover with the razor blade and the wound in the eye inflicted by carbolic acid, were caused by accident."

DISINFECTANT

Li Wai-chun has admitted staying at the Good Luck Hotel on December 10 with the man Ma Chi-man, and admitted taking to the hotel a paper bag which contained, besides all her worldly possessions, a bottle of carbolic acid. "She said that she took this because she used it as a disinfectant and took a razor blade to trim her eyebrows. In a quarrel after Ma had said to her 'I am hard up and cannot get married, but you could get a job if we married as a dance hostess and make easy money,' she seized the razor blade to wield in front of Ma, and accidentally wounded him, she then asked him to lie down and applied the carbolic acid, which she forgot, in her agitation, to dilute. She then fled in fear at the blood and what she had done and told the room boy what had happened, saying 'He has cheated me, so I wounded him in revenge. I am frightened, he will chase me and kill me.'"

Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr, addressing the jury, said that they might well understand the feelings of a young woman who had just surrendered her body to her lover on his promise of marriage, when he immediately afterwards said 'You can go and be a dance hostess in Wan-chai,' and that she lost her temper and hit him. But Ma had denied ever using these words and had said the wounds had been inflicted by the razor blade while he was sleeping. Li Wai-chun is stated to live with her blind father at 30, Lockhart-road. She previously told the Court that on the night of December 10, when Ma persuaded her finally to go to the Good Luck Hotel after promising to marry her, she decided to leave her father for good at midnight, and therefore had packed all her dresses in the paper bag, Ma having said that they could stay at the Good Luck Hotel for a few days until he got permanent accommodation for them. Ma denies that he said this and the room boy at the Good Luck Hotel stated in evidence that Ma had only booked the room for one night. The judge told the jury that they must decide who was telling the truth, Ma Chi-man, or the girl. The jury retired to consider their verdict.

Mr B. A. Bernacchi (Reform Club, away in England at the moment), Dr P. F. Woo, Mr Li Yim-hor and Mr Hilton Cheong-Leen (Civic Association), whose terms of office will expire at the end of March, were the only nominations received for re-election.

Dr Raymond H. S. Lee, Vice-President of Reform Club said this morning, "We would like to see more public-spirited citizens of Hongkong to participate in the Urban Council election because it is the only council for the various elected representations."

Greater interest

"If the public of Hongkong desires to see more progress in that direction, greater interest must be shown."

Dr Lee deplored the lack of interest in this year's election, and went on to say: "If we have more contests in election, Government may give more elected seats in the Urban Council and may also grant elected seats in other councils as well."

On the other hand, Dr P. F. Woo, Chairman of Civic Association, said, "My feeling is that the public supported our platform. There is no lack of public interest in the election. Our two associations (Reform Club and Civic Association) are speaking for them and they expressed with our views as expressed in our Joint Memorandum submitted to the Colonial Office last September."

Mr Hilton Cheong-Leen (Civic Association) stated this morning, "The fact that there will be no Urban Council election this year is virtual recognition of the strength of the two organisations that comprise the coalition and the broad measure of support they have among those who would have taken the trouble to vote."

Support

"It is also an indication that the great majority of the public supports the moderate constitutional changes advocated in the Joint Memorandum submitted to the Colonial Office last September."

"The Civic-Reform coalition will continue its efforts to have increased elected representation in the Urban Council, and also to have its elected representatives in the Legislative Council."

"Speaking as one of the four candidates who have been re-elected unopposed, I would like to thank the very many supporters from all walks of life who had expressed their support for the coalition and what it stands for."

"Outside the coalition, both the Civic Association and the Reform Club will exercise maximum flexibility in advocating any new ideas and proposals that may be regarded as being beneficial to Hongkong and its people."

PREFERRED KOWLOON TO HONGKONG

Two Australian women who spent four days in Hongkong as tourists, said today they liked Kowloon better than Hongkong.

Mrs N. Caldwell of Warrambool, Victoria, and Miss J. Porter, of Melbourne said they preferred Kowloon to Hongkong because "shopping in Kowloon is better than in Hongkong and the people in Kowloon are nicer than those in Hongkong."

The ladies said they had found prices in Kowloon shops "cheaper."

Mrs Caldwell and Miss Porter left by Air-India for Europe on the second leg of their round-the-world tour.

INDIAN MP RETURNS

Mrs G. Parthasarathi, a member of the Indian Upper House, left by Air-India today for New Delhi where she will attend an upper house session.

Mrs Parthasarathi is also the wife of India's Ambassador in Peking. She is a member of Premier Nehru's Congress Party. Mrs Parthasarathi who has been a member of the Indian upper house for one year, was seen off at Kai Tak by Mr P. De Mello Kamath, Commissioner for India in Hongkong.

Ship aground off PI

Almost lost big wheat shipment

India almost lost a shipment of 10,000 tons of United States wheat when the American freighter, Portland Trader, went aground on a reef at Puerto Princesa, 365 miles south of Manila, last month.

According to Mr B.L. Sahney, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, the wheat was part of an American foreign aid programme.

Mr Sahney, who left for New Delhi by Air-India today said he had made a special trip to Manila to arrange for the salvage of the wheat.

He said, "We have managed to salvage almost all of the wheat."

SMALL DAMAGE

Mr Sahney added that only a very small percentage of the wheat was damaged.

Mr Sahney revealed that the Portland Trader was abandoned by its crew shortly after it went aground near Palawan Island. The Luzon Stevedoring Co, were

Woman held for 'savage' beating of daughter

A magistrate at North Kowloon Court this morning described the beating of a child by her mother as "most savage."

Mr J. E. F. Dargan made the remark after he had the child brought up for a close inspection.

The 11-year-old girl, Wong Wai-pin, was beaten black and blue all over her face, shoulders and body.

The defendant, Lei Sau-ying, 33, housewife, of First-street, Fuk Wah Village, NT, pleaded guilty.

In mitigation, she said she had beaten the girl with a rattan cane after she had refused to change her clothes and, took ten cents without permission last Friday.

The grandmother of the child reported the incident to the police.

The mother was remanded in jail custody for seven days pending a probation report. The husband was told by the magistrate to look after the child properly while the mother was in jail.

Boy found crying in street by policeman

A patrolling police constable found a 10-year-old boy crying in Queen's-road, West, in the early hours of today, an inspector told a Central Magistrate this morning.

He refused to go home. Inspector Yip Tai-yau said that the reason the boy dared not go home was that he was frightened of being beaten again by his father. He said his father had beaten him on many previous occasions.

Before Mr Derek Cons, the 30-year-old father, Young Chi-chai, living in an unnumbered hut on Mount Davis, was charged with wilfully ill-treating his son, Yeung Yiu-lai, in a manner likely to cause the boy unnecessary suffering or injury.

BOUGHT COMICS

Yeung pleaded guilty but explained to Mr Cons that his son was lazy. He said that he had been in the same class for four years.

Whenever his son was given money and told to buy things, he went to a cinema or bought comic books.

The boy who was found wandering at 3 am today was admitted to hospital and found to have bruises on his body, according to Insp Yip.

Mr Cons remanded Yeung for five days pending a report from the probation officer.

To help treatment of leprosy in Colony

Miss Jean Watson has joined the staff of the Hay Ling Chau Leprosarium as physiotherapist to leprosy patients on the island.

Trained at King's College, London, and having completed almost two years' practical work at the Church of Scotland College, Edinburgh, Miss Watson left England last September for her journey to the East. She spent four months at the Karigiri Leprosy Research Sanatorium near Vellore, in South India before continuing her journey to Hongkong.

This was revealed this morning at the monthly meeting of the Marianne Reichel Aid to Lepers' Group at the South China Morning Post boardroom.

Mrs J. A. Fegg, Chairman, welcomed Miss Watson and a number of new members including Mrs Sandy Lees who will be the honorary secretary of the Leprosy Fair, 1961.

Miss Watson said she was very impressed by Hay Ling Chau and the work being done there.

BOEING MEN IN COLONY

Two field representatives of the manufacturers of Boeing 707 jetliners, Mr H. H. Wendell and Mr J. J. Vogwell, arrived from Tokyo by Air-India today for a two-day business visit.

Mr Wendell and Mr J. J. Vogwell are assigned by the Boeing Aeroplane Company to work in liaison with Air-India International at the airlines' base at Santa Cruz airport, Bombay.

They said the Boeing Aeroplane Company has about 40 field representatives assigned to various airlines which use Boeing products on their air routes.

\$80 FINE FOR FISHERMAN

A 23-year-old fisherman, Lai Ah-fat, who installed a petrol engine on his junk without a permit was fined \$40 by Mr C. Cairns at Marine Court this morning.

Lai was also fined \$40 for operating his motorised junk without a certified master.

He pleaded guilty to both summonses.

SOLDIER CHARGED WITH THEFT

Murray A. B. Stanners, 20, a private of the 17/21 Lancers based at Sek Kong, New Territories, appeared before Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning on a charge of robbery with violence.

Stanners was alleged to have stolen \$20 from Mak Po-chu on February 15 in Hennessy-road.

He was remanded seven days in jail custody.

Detective Inspector B. D. Carpenter prosecuted.

From the Files

25 years AGO

February 1936

IN the SCM Post stop press, an item appeared to the effect that in the House of Commons, Mr Lunn drew attention to the finding of the local committee on mui tsai and that while mui tsai in Hongkong were undesirable, any attempt to stop the practice was doomed to failure, and he asked whether the Government accepted the declaration.

Mr J. H. Thomas, replying for the Government agreed that the sale of girls was undesirable. He did not accept the view that it was impossible to suppress the practice, and declared that the owning of mui tsai in Hongkong was illegal, and he intended to pursue vigorously the policy of securing the final disappearance of mui tsai by means of inspectors and prosecutions. He had investigated the prosecutions and found far too many fines. He would like to see imprisonment used as a deterrent rather than fines.

The Morning Post's 25 Years ago column said: "Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council promises to be interesting. After the usual routine work and the jurors' list for 1911 have been considered the Hon Mr H. E. Pollock, KC, will move the following resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that a Clock Tower should be erected on the New Post Office according to the original design, with a suitable clock in it. Whether the Council accepts Mr Pollock's view or not the public is of one mind that the Clock Tower should be removed from where it at present stands as an obstruction to traffic and that the best site for it is on the water front or on top of the new Post Office."

THE Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held yesterday afternoon. Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University was in the chair. Among those present were Mr G. R. Sayer (President), Mrs F. D. Tracy (Vice-President), Mrs E. De Ville (Hon Treasurer), Mrs L. B. Holmes (Hon Secretary), Mrs D. L. Newbigging, Mrs Grigor, Mrs F. J. de Rome, Mrs C. N. Jeffries, Mrs F. C. Hall, Mrs C. G. S. Perdue and Mrs R. D. Walker (Committee).

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BROKER WHO PROMISED TO ARRANGE FLAT TRANSFER, FINED \$400

A 31-year-old broker, who obtained \$100 from a man as an advance payment for the transfer of the tenancy of a flat from Kun Tong resettlement estate to Wong Tai Sin resettlement estate, was fined \$400 and bound over in \$500 for three years by Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning.

He was also ordered to pay \$100 in restitution to the complainant.

Defendant, Chen Mui-tao, of flat M137 Kun Tong resettlement estate, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretences through his counsel Mr Francis Chaine of Edmund Cheung & Chaine.

Chen, who pleaded not guilty to a second charge of obtaining money by false pretences, was discharged when the prosecution accepted his plea.

Detective Inspector Chan Shun-shun, of the Anti-Corruption Branch, said that the complainant, Yeung Ah-yim, was resettled at Flat A149 Kun Tong resettlement estate after his hut in Fu Mei Village was demolished in January, 1959.

Yeung occasionally mentioned to his friends that Kun Tong was a rather remote district, and he wanted to move nearer to Kowloon City.

Later, he came to know the defendant who claimed that he was in a position to transfer the flat occupied by the com-

plaintant from Kun Tong to Wong Tai Sin resettlement estate, said Insp Chan.

Defendant also suggested that it required \$200 "tea money" to have the matter settled. As a result, Yeung paid the defendant \$100 as an advance payment on January 18, 1960.

Since then there was no news from the defendant. On February 18 defendant was arrested by Anti-Corruption Branch personnel. Defendant has no previous record.

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